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**Unemployment
Benefit Payments
June 2013**

Mecklenburg	\$10,707,274
Wake	\$8,431,219
Guilford	\$4,866,783
Forsyth	\$2,965,537
Cumberland	\$2,753,737
Durham	\$2,217,133
New Hanover	\$2,129,872
Gaston	\$2,006,608
Cabarrus	\$1,665,278
Buncombe	\$1,660,038

Current Month JUNE 13	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION	Prior Month ¹ MAY 13
7.6%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	7.6%
8.8%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	8.8%
4,709,264	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,719,626
4,292,497	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,303,455
416,767	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	416,171
4,048,400	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	4,042,700
JUNE 13	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY ²	MAY 13
499,578	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2012 (All programs)	499,578
90,978	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Jun. 2013	90,858
321,909	Weeks of UI paid in Jun. 2013	304,500
\$1.3 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2012 ³	\$1.3 Billion
\$94.2 Million	Amount paid in UI – Jun. 2013 ³	\$88.4 Million
\$34.1 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Jun. 2013 ⁴	\$31.9 Million
\$26.4 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Jun. 2013 ⁴	\$24.4 Million
\$13.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Jun. 2013 ⁴	\$15.3 Million
\$16.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Jun. 2013 ⁴	\$12.9 Million
\$1,060	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – June 2013 ⁵	\$2,582
\$46 / \$535	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week) – Jun. 2013	\$46 / \$535
\$0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Jun. 2013 ⁵	\$0
\$287.05	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2012	\$287.05
\$297.99	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount (total unemployment) – 2012 ⁶	\$297.99
\$292.60	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Jun. 2013	\$290.25
\$301.89	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount (total unemployment) – Jun. 2013 ⁶	\$301.06
16.1 Weeks	Average Duration (Apr. 2012 – Mar. 2013)	16.1 Weeks
25 th (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Apr. 2012 – Mar. 2013)	25 th (Lowest)
\$1.5 Billion	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Jun. 2013	\$1.5 Billion
\$1.2 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Jun. 2013	\$1.2 Billion
-\$2.2 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Jun. 30, 2013	-\$2.1 Billion
\$2.2 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Jun. 30, 2013	\$2.1 Billion
\$82.5 Million	State Reserve Balance – Jun. 30, 2013	\$80.1 Million
JUNE 13	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	MAY 13
23,380	New & Renewed Jobseekers – Jun. 2013	28,225
363,259	New & Renewed Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2011 – Jun. 2012)	363,259
326,558	New & Renewed Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2012 – Jun. 2013)	306,661
47,385	Jobseekers provided service – Jun. 2013 ⁷	54,773
37,271	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Jun. 2013 ⁷	40,616
138,255	Total Services provided – Jun. 2013	161,821
18,205	Job Openings listed – Jun. 2013	19,692
202,588	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2011 – Jun. 2012)	202,588
233,717	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2012 – Jun. 2013)	215,512
946	Claimants entering employment through ES ⁸ – Jun. 2013	1,376
12,764	Claimants entering employment through ES ⁸ - Y-T-D (Jul. 2012 – Jun. 2013)	11,868
5,856	Jobseekers entering employment through ES – Jun. 2013	6,193
63,713	Jobseekers entering employment through ES - Y-T-D (Jul. 2012 – Jun. 2013)	58,536

¹ Data in this column represent prior month, prior quarter or prior year data; i.e., prior year equals 2012 data.

² Regular UI benefits paid under the state UI program unless otherwise noted.

³ Includes benefits paid according to the federal ETA 5159 Claims and Payment Activities Report.

⁴ Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 53 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

⁵ Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

⁶ Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount (total unemployment) utilizing calculations as stated in the ETA UI Data Summary.

⁷ Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2012).

⁸ Individuals who filed a claim for unemployment benefits through a local office.

Highlights

The Department of Commerce Division of Employment Security (DES) processed a total of 387,533 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in June 2013, up 5.3 percent from May (367,990) and down 4.0 percent from June a year ago (403,582).

June's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR), at 2.5 percent, rose above the 2.1 percent of May 2013 and was slightly below the 2.6 percent of June a year ago.

There were 44,734 state UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in June 2013, down 7.4 percent from the prior month's total of 48,287. Compared with June 2012 (46,512), Initial Claims' volume decreased 3.8 percent.

During the first quarter 2013, North Carolina's average duration of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits decreased from 16.2 weeks to 16.1 weeks, equal to Louisiana. The national average went from 17.1 weeks to 16.9 weeks during this time period. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 11.2; South Carolina, 12.3; Georgia, 12.7; Nebraska, 13.0; Indiana, 13.1; Idaho, 13.3; Iowa and Utah, 13.4; Vermont, 14.2; Michigan, 14.4; Maine, Missouri and Wyoming, 14.8; South Dakota, 14.9; Colorado, Mississippi and Tennessee, 15.0; Arkansas and New Hampshire, 15.2; Alabama, 15.4; Kansas and West Virginia, 15.5; Virginia, 15.8; and Texas, 15.9.

During June 2013, six counties reported a decrease in the IUR while 94 reported an increase. When comparing current rates to June 2012, 19 counties reported a decrease in the IUR while 77 reported an increase and four remained unchanged. Counties with the lowest rates in June 2013 were: Dare, 0.93 percent; Watauga, 1.03 percent; Orange, 1.12 percent; Durham, 1.34 percent; and Swain, 1.51 percent. Counties with the highest rates in June 2013 were: Stokes, 6.04 percent; Caswell and Perquimans, 5.99 percent; Hoke, 5.71 percent; Graham, 5.63 percent; and Person, 5.29 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,151,207,953 on June 30, 2013. Since Jan. 1, 2013, the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund deficit improved \$390,652,789. During June, DES collected \$4,028,770 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,155,595,043, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$82,478,505.

As of Mar. 31, 2013, there were 197,913 covered employers in the state compared to 196,943 at the end of the prior quarter, and 195,977 at the end of March 2012.

Claimants in June 2013 were paid \$94,189,087 in regular unemployment insurance benefits under the State UI program, with an average UI weekly benefit amount of \$292.60. This represents an increase of 0.8 percent from the prior month (\$290.25). This average increased 1.8 percent from June 2012 (\$287.42). The weekly average payment per claimant for total unemployment was \$301.89, an increase of 0.3 percent from the prior month (\$301.06). This average increased 1.4 percent from June 2012 (\$297.80). Claimants receiving first payments in June totaled 18,514, a 1.4-percent increase from May (18,260) and a 1.8-percent decrease from the June 2012 level (18,846). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 10,991, for an increase of 1.6 percent from May's volume (10,817), and a decrease of 10.8 percent from the June 2012 volume (12,317).

There were 23,380 new and renewed jobseekers in June 2013, down 17.2 percent from the prior month's total of 28,225, and down 36.1 percent from the June 2012 level (36,613). Jobseekers provided services through local offices in June numbered 47,385, a 13.5-percent decrease from May (54,773) and a 21.5 percent decrease from the June 2012 level (60,350). Jobseekers referred to jobs by local offices in June totaled 37,271, a decrease of 8.2 percent from the prior month (40,616), and a 10.3 percent decrease from the June 2012 level (41,553). Total services provided through local offices in June was 138,255, decreased 14.6 percent from May (161,821), and decreased 14.7 percent from June a year ago (161,998).

Job Openings listed with local offices in June 2013 totaled 18,205, a 7.6-percent decrease from the prior month (19,692) and a 16.5 percent increase from June 2012 (15,624).

In June 2013, there were 946 claimants who filed for unemployment benefits through a local office and, subsequently, entered employment — a 31.3-percent decrease from the prior month (1,376), and 5.5-percent from the June 2012 volume (1,001). In June 2013, there were 5,856 jobseekers that entered employment as a result of services obtained through a local office — 5.4 percent less than May (6,193) and 8.0 percent less than June 2012 (6,368).